

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

:
: SEALED INDICTMENT

- v. -

: 15 Cr. ()

: 15 CRIM 437

ANGEL VILLALBA,

a/k/a "Ace,"

ANTHONY FABERS,

a/k/a "Ant,"

CURTIS CONGRESS,

a/k/a "Murda,"

MELIEK SANDERS,

a/k/a "Mickey,"

JUNIOR ANTWI,

a/k/a "OG Rob,"

GEORGE FANDAL,

a/k/a "Panama,"

ISAAC GONZALEZ,

a/k/a "K-Tone,"

TYRONE BAKER,

a/k/a "Pumpkin,"

STANLEY CURRIE,

a/k/a "Stan,"

LEROY SMITH,

a/k/a "Pops,"

ERIC BALLINGER,

a/k/a "Boogs Von Swavy," and

TERELL STEWART,

a/k/a "Lil Biscuit,"

Defendants.

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BACKGROUND ON THE VAN DYKE MONEY GANG

1. The "Van Dyke Money Gang" ("VDMG") is an organization composed of principally young men aged 20 to 30 years old. The VDMG operates primarily out of a housing project

called the Van Dyke Houses, located at 370 Blake Avenue, in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York.

2. The VDMG conducted a fraudulent money order scheme (the "Money Order Scheme") at banks in the New York area, specifically, in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens, and along the East coast, as far north as Boston, Massachusetts, and as far south as Washington, D.C. Other individuals who were not members of the VDMG also participated in the Money Order Scheme.

3. ANGEL VILLALBA, a/k/a "Ace," ANTHONY FABERS, a/k/a "Ant," CURTIS CONGRESS, a/k/a "Murda," MELIEK SANDERS, a/k/a "Mickey," JUNIOR ANTWI, a/k/a "OG Rob," GEORGE FANDAL, a/k/a "Panama," ISAAC GONZALEZ, a/k/a "K-Tone," TYRONE BAKER, a/k/a "Pumpkin," STANLEY CURRIE, a/k/a "Stan," LEROY SMITH, a/k/a "Pops," ERIC BALLINGER, a/k/a "Boogs Von Swavy," and TERELL STEWART, a/k/a "Lil Biscuit," the defendants, are members of the VDMG and/or participated in the Money Order Scheme.

4. In furtherance of the Money Order Scheme, members of the VDMG and others recruited bank account holders and then used the accounts of those individuals to deposit fraudulent money orders. Members of the VDMG and others then withdrew the money from the bank accounts.

5. The Money Order Scheme entailed, among other things, fraudulently obtaining blank Postal Money Orders and

Western Union Money Orders. Members of the VDMG and others printed a specific dollar amount, usually under \$1,000, onto the money orders and then deposited those fraudulent money orders into bank accounts.

6. In furtherance of the Money Order Scheme, the members of VDMG and others have used more than 350 bank accounts. The loss amount to the banks affected by the Money Order Scheme exceeds \$1.5 million dollars.

STATUTORY ALLEGATIONS

COUNT ONE

(Bank Fraud Conspiracy)

The Grand Jury charges:

7. From in or about December 2013 up to and including in or about June 2015, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANGEL VILLALBA, a/k/a "Ace," ANTHONY FABERS, a/k/a "Ant," CURTIS CONGRESS, a/k/a "Murda," MELIEK SANDERS, a/k/a "Mickey," JUNIOR ANTWI, a/k/a "OG Rob," GEORGE FANDAL, a/k/a "Panama," ISAAC GONZALEZ, a/k/a "K-Tone," TYRONE BAKER, a/k/a "Pumpkin," STANLEY CURRIE, a/k/a "Stan," LEROY SMITH, a/k/a "Pops," ERIC BALLINGER, a/k/a "Boogs Von Swavy," and TERELL STEWART, a/k/a "Lil Biscuit," the defendants, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other

and others to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

8. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that ANGEL VILLALBA, a/k/a "Ace," ANTHONY FABERS, a/k/a "Ant," CURTIS CONGRESS, a/k/a "Murda," MELIEK SANDERS, a/k/a "Mickey," JUNIOR ANTWI, a/k/a "OG Rob," GEORGE FANDAL, a/k/a "Panama," ISAAC GONZALEZ, a/k/a "K-Tone," TYRONE BAKER, a/k/a "Pumpkin," STANLEY CURRIE, a/k/a "Stan," LEROY SMITH, a/k/a "Pops," ERIC BALLINGER, a/k/a "Boogs Von Swavy," and TEREELL STEWART, a/k/a "Lil Biscuit," the defendants, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly would and did execute and attempt to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud financial institutions, the deposits of which were then insured by the federal government, and to obtain moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of, such financial institutions, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

Overt Acts

9. In furtherance of said conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed and caused to be committed in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:

a. On or about March 25, 2015, ANGEL VILLALBA, a/k/a "Ace," the defendant, deposited three money orders into a Bank of America bank account.

b. On or about January 9, 2014, ANTHONY FABERS, a/k/a "Ant," the defendant, deposited four money orders into a Bank of America bank account.

c. On or about May 30, 2014, CURTIS CONGRESS, a/k/a "Murda," the defendant, deposited four money orders into a J.P. Morgan Chase bank account, at a bank branch located in Manhattan.

d. On or about December 27, 2013, MELIEK SANDERS, a/k/a "Mickey," the defendant, deposited four money orders into a Bank of America bank account.

e. On or about April 24, 2015, JUNIOR ANTWI, a/k/a "OG Rob," the defendant, made a phone call to a branch of Bank of America regarding a Bank of America bank account.

f. On or about October 24, 2014, GEORGE FANDAL, a/k/a "Panama," the defendant, deposited two money orders into a Bank of America bank account.

g. Between on or about March 25, 2015, and on or about March 27, 2015, ISAAC GONZALEZ, a/k/a "K-Tone," the defendant, exchanged text messages with ANGEL VILLALBA.

h. On or about May 5, 2014, TYRONE BAKER, a/k/a

"Pumpkin," the defendant, deposited three money orders into a J.P. Morgan Chase bank account, at a bank branch located in Manhattan.

i. In or about February 2014, STANLEY CURRIE, a/k/a "Stan," the defendant, recruited an individual to open a bank account at J.P. Morgan Chase.

j. On or about September 5, 2014, LEROY SMITH, a/k/a "Pops," the defendant, made a phone call to a branch of Bank of America regarding a Bank of America bank account.

k. On or about December 31, 2014, ERIC BALLINGER, a/k/a "Boogs Von Swavy," the defendant, made a withdrawal from a Bank of America bank account.

l. On or about March 13, 2015, TERELL STEWART, a/k/a "Lil Biscuit," the defendant, made a withdrawal from a Bank of America bank account.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.)

COUNT TWO

(Bank Fraud)

The Grand Jury further charges:

10. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 6 above are hereby repeated, re-alleged, and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

11. From in or about December 2013 up to and

including in or about June 2015, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANGEL VILLALBA, a/k/a "Ace," ANTHONY FABERS, a/k/a "Ant," CURTIS CONGRESS, a/k/a "Murda," MELIEK SANDERS, a/k/a "Mickey," JUNIOR ANTWI, a/k/a "OG Rob," GEORGE FANDAL, a/k/a "Panama," ISAAC GONZALEZ, a/k/a "K-Tone," TYRONE BAKER, a/k/a "Pumpkin," STANLEY CURRIE, a/k/a "Stan," LEROY SMITH, a/k/a "Pops," ERIC BALLINGER, a/k/a "Boogs Von Swavy," and TERELL STEWART, a/k/a "Lil Biscuit," the defendants, willfully and knowingly did execute a scheme and artifice to defraud a financial institution, the deposits of which were then insured by the federal government, and to obtain the moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of a financial institution by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, to wit, VILLALBA, FABERS, CONGRESS, SANDERS, ANTWI, FANDAL, GONZALEZ, BAKER, CURRIE, SMITH, BALLINGER, and STEWART obtained funds from federally insured financial institutions by causing fraudulent money orders to be deposited with those institutions.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1344 and 2.)

COUNT THREE

(Aggravated Identity Theft)

The Grand Jury further charges:

12. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 6 above are hereby repeated, re-alleged, and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

13. From in or about December 2013 up to and including in or about June 2015, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANGEL VILLALBA, a/k/a "Ace," ANTHONY FABERS, a/k/a "Ant," CURTIS CONGRESS, a/k/a "Murda," MELIEK SANDERS, a/k/a "Mickey," JUNIOR ANTWI, a/k/a "OG Rob," GEORGE FANDAL, a/k/a "Panama," ISAAC GONZALEZ, a/k/a "K-Tone," TYRONE BAKER, a/k/a "Pumpkin," STANLEY CURRIE, a/k/a "Stan," LEROY SMITH, a/k/a "Pops," ERIC BALLINGER, a/k/a "Boogs Von Swavy," and TEREELL STEWART, a/k/a "Lil Biscuit," the defendants, during and in relation to a felony violation enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A(c), to wit, the bank fraud conspiracy charged in Count One of this Indictment, willfully and knowingly did transfer, possess, and use, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person, to wit, VILLALBA, FABERS, CONGRESS, SANDERS, ANTWI, FANDAL, GONZALEZ, BAKER, CURRIE, SMITH, BALLINGER, and STEWART possessed and used the name and bank account number of another to fraudulently obtain

funds from a bank account.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028A and 2.)

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

14. As a result of committing the offenses alleged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, to wit, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349, and bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1344 and 2, ANGEL VILLALBA, a/k/a "Ace," ANTHONY FABERS, a/k/a "Ant," CURTIS CONGRESS, a/k/a "Murda," MELIEK SANDERS, a/k/a "Mickey," JUNIOR ANTWI, a/k/a "OG Rob," GEORGE FANDAL, a/k/a "Panama," ISAAC GONZALEZ, a/k/a "K-Tone," TYRONE BAKER, a/k/a "Pumpkin," STANLEY CURRIE, a/k/a "Stan," LEROY SMITH, a/k/a "Pops," ERIC BALLINGER, a/k/a "Boogs Von Swavy," and TERELL STEWART, a/k/a "Lil Biscuit," the defendants, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A), all property constituting, and derived from, proceeds obtained directly and indirectly as the result of the violations alleged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment.

SUBSTITUTE ASSET PROVISION

15. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;

c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

e. has been commingled with other property that cannot be subdivided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A); Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p); and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).)

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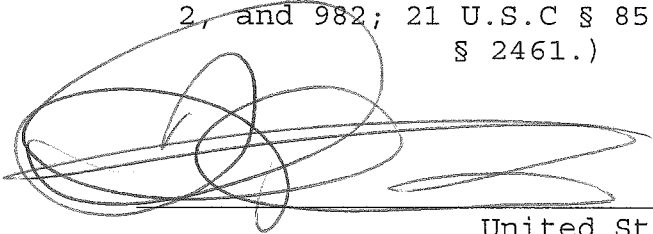
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(18 U.S.C. §§ 1349, 1344, 1028A,
2, and 982; 21 U.S.C § 853; 28 U.S.C.
§ 2461.)



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